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Ms. Bettina Sullivan  
Manager  
Office of Environmental Impact Review  
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 1105  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

This document provides the Commonwealth of Virginia with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) Consistency Determination (CD) for the Kitty Hawk Wind Energy Area offshore the Commonwealth of Virginia under the Coastal Zone Management Act Section 307(c)(1) and 15 CFR Part 930 Subpart C. The information in this CD is provided pursuant to 15 CFR 930.36(a) and 930.39. This CD takes into consideration the reasonably foreseeable coastal effects of the proposed action, and its consistency with the enforceable policies identified by Virginia's Coastal Zone Management Program. The proposed action includes:

- Lease issuance (including reasonably foreseeable consequences associated with shallow hazards, geological, geotechnical, archaeological resources, and biological surveys); and
- Site assessment plan approval (including reasonably foreseeable consequences associated with the installation of a meteorological tower and/or meteorological buoys).

BOEM's analysis of the effects of the proposed action on land and water uses and/or natural resources can be found in the *Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore North Carolina Revised Environmental Assessment*. The Commonwealth of Virginia's Coastal Zone Management Program's applicable enforceable policies and reasonably foreseeable coastal effects are included in Table 5 (enclosed) for your review.

Based upon the above referenced information, data, and analysis, BOEM finds the proposed action is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 930.41, the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program has sixty (60) days from the receipt of this letter in which to concur with, or object to, this CD, or to request an extension under 15 CFR 930.41(b). Virginia's concurrence will be presumed if its response is not received by BOEM within sixty (60) days of receipt of this determination. The Commonwealth's response should be sent to:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Office of Renewable Energy Programs  
45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP  
Sterling, Virginia 20166

We appreciate having a cooperative working relationship with the Commonwealth of Virginia as we move forward with our review of potential offshore renewable energy activities. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brian Krevor at 703-787-1346 or [brian.krevor@boem.gov](mailto:brian.krevor@boem.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. F. Bennett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James F. Bennett  
Program Manager  
Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Enclosure